

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

SPRING HILL CHURCH, LAMAR COUNTY, ALA.,

Commencing October 6th, 1892.

Deacon W. G. Robertson, Moderator, Carrollton, Ala.
Elder M. G. Lofton, Clerk, Archer, Ala.

The next session will be held with Arbor Spring church, Lamar County, Alabama, commencing on Tuesday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1893.

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MINUTES.

1. On Tuesday, October 4th, 1892, the UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened in its Fifty-Seventh Annual Session with the Spring Hill Baptist church, Lamar county, Alabama, at 10 a. m.

2. The Association was called to order by W. G. Robertson, its Moderator; and M. G. Lofton acted as Secretary.

3. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator and prayer was offered by Elder J. E. White.

4. Delegates were enrolled as follows (including all whose names were filed during the session):

FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—B R Huff, J A Hamilton. Liberty—J B Small, J W Harris, G W Doughty. Mt. Pleasant, John Hall. Fellowship—J C B Johnson, G W Kerr. Spring Hill, Lamar county—Abner Smith, D B Robertson, O E Wooten. Mill Port—W C Williams, J B Hodo. Kennedy—W McCullough. W T Walker. New Salem—J A Estes, C S Goode. Pleasant Grove—Wm. McCullough.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Arbor Springs—A C Richardson, K Carpenter. Mineral Springs—J W Cox, J T McShan, L C Abrams. Hebron—J A Shepherd. Big Creek—H B Chappelle, Jr., J H Jordan, John Heritage. Cross Roads—W D Allen.

McBee, Oak Ridge and Spring Hill, Pickens county, were not represented.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Pickensville—W C Chapman, J E White. Carrollton—W G Robertson, M B Curry, R L Stone. Unity—W P Peden, Jos. Holliman. Enon—Geo. Turnipseed. Ebenezer, Mt. Zion and Prairie were not represented.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Benlah—J G Apsey, R C Chambers, S S Thornton. Bethel—J P Park, W Barton. New Hope—J J Cameron. Forest, Shiloh, Chalcedony, Nazareth, Zion and Grant's Creek were not represented.

5. The following officers were elected, to-wit: Moderator, W. G. Robertson; Clerk, M. G. Lofton.

6. On motion, adopted order of business provided by the committee on program.

7. On motion, suspended order of business to attend a funeral service at the church and set 1:30 o'clock as the hour for the Introductory Sermon.

EVENING SESSION.

8. The Introductory was delivered by Elder D. O. Baird, after which the Association joined in devotional exercises, prayer and praise and a general and warm fraternal hand-shaking.

9. Correspondence were received as follows:

Columbus Association, to meet at ———, Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1893; D. W. Phillips, T. A. Stinson, T. J. Swansey, W. C. Smith, and J. Halbert. Sipsey Association, to meet at Dun's Creek, Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1893; F. D. Gardner, A. J. Porter and R. O. Richardson.

10. On motion, it was *Resolved*, That any member of this Association in attendance upon any other Association is authorized to represent this organization in such body.

11. The report on Bible and Colportage work was read by chairman J. P. Park and after a lengthy discussion was adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

Your committee beg leave to report, that in our judgment this work has been sadly overlooked by our denomination. Next to the preaching of the Word assuredly should be the distribution of the Scriptures, religious books and tracts, visiting from house to house, teaching, and praying with and for their inmates. Let us come up as we ought to the help of this board. Books, tracts and Sunday-school literature can be obtained from this board just as cheap as from anywhere, and the discount which they can get will aid the board materially. Therefore we urge upon all Sunday-schools and all Baptists to patronize the Bible and Colportage board, located at Opelika, Ala.

J. B. PARK, Chm.

12. On motion, suspended order of business to receive a petitionary letter from Pleasant Grove church, which was referred to a committee.

13. Report of District meetings:

FIRST DISTRICT—The next session to be held with New Salem church, commencing Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1893. Introductory Sermon by Elder W. J. Beatty; alternate, J. A. Estes.

Query 1. How can a large attendance at church be secured? J. A. Estes.

2. To what extent are parents responsible for their children's conduct? J. B. Small.

3. What disposition should be made of a member who holds a letter? W. J. Beatty.

4. What disposition should be made of a member who subscribes for the support of ministers and fails to pay? A. C. Richardson.

5. How can we train the minds of our children for good? W. A. Estes.

6. What has woman done for civilization? D. O. Baird.

7. What can woman do to advocate the cause of Christ? Mrs. J. L. Pratt.

SECOND DISTRICT—The next session to be held with Spring Hill church, Pickens, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1893. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. P. Lee. Missionary Sermon by M. G. Lofton.

Query 1. What did the Savior mean when he said "Upon this rock I build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it?" Elder H. B. Chapelle.

2. Is John's Baptism Christian Baptism? Elder J. B. Small.

3. What did the Savior mean when he said "Peter, lovest thou me more than these?" Deacon J. H. Stinson.

Essay 1. Evils of the popular literature of the day. M. G. Lofton.

2. Influence of family prayer. Continued.

3. The training of children. Mrs. M. G. Lofton.

THIRD DISTRICT—Next session to be held with Prairie church, Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1893, 9 a. m. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. E. White; alternate, Elder H. B. Chappelle. Missionary Sermon by Elder J. G. Apsey; alternate, M. G. Lofton.

Query 1. Is an unmarried man a proper person to be made a Deacon? H. L. Robertson.

2. Is it right to give letters of dismission for any other cause than a change of location? M. B. Taylor.

3. Is it the duty of ministers to attend our Union Meetings? R. T. Knox.

Essay 1. Christian Literature. C. Upchurch.

FOURTH DISTRICT—The next meeting of the Fourth District will be held with Chaledony church, on Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1893. Elder J. L. Ray to preach the Introductory Sermon; J. D. Hamner, alternate. Missionary Sermon by Elder J. G. Apsey; Elder J. D. Hamner, alternate.

Query 1. The importance of secret prayer? Opened by J. M. Smith.

2. Is it the duty of all mail members to pray in public? Bro. J. T. Barnet.

3. The importance of living up to our christian duty and privileges. Bro. Jas. H. Robertson.

4. What do we understand our Savior to teach in Matt., 9c 7v.

Essay 1. The importance of Missions. Bro. I. Tier.

Missionary contribution taken up at last meeting, \$3.57.

14. The committee on Education asked for further time, which was granted, and 9:45 set for hearing the report.

15. Granted S. S. Thornton further time for making report on Church Building.

16. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Religious Exercises: J W Harris, W B Hicks, L C Abrams, Pastor and deacons Spring Hill church.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers: J W Cox, J A Shepherd, W C Chapman

On Publications: W T Walker, Lewis Stone, A J Richardson.

On Nominations: J T McShan, W P Peden, J D Holliman.

On Apportionment: J W Park, M B Curry, H B Chappelle, Jr.

On Documents: S S Thornton, Wm. McCullough, Geo. C. Turnipseed.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons: J G Apsey, J H Stinson, and T S Wilkins.

On Finance: J B Hodo, J J Cameron, W C Williams.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Missions: John H Stinson, W L White, J M Smith.

On Bible and Colportage: M B Curry, H B Chappelle, Jr., J A Pearson.

On Sabbath Schools: Elder H B Chappelle, J B Hodo, S S Thornton.

On Temperance: U E Allen, D C Hodo, J W Cox.

On Education: Elder J G Thornton, W C Mayes, H G Mitchell.

On Church Building: Elder J B Small, W C Williams, Benj. Pearson.

On Order of Business: Elder M G Lofton, C D Harper, R L Stone.

On Centennial of Missions: Elder M. M. Wood, Elder J B Small, M L Stansel, R H Foster, Elder W J Beaty.

17. Miscellaneous Business.

Brother J B Small having been received as a representative of the Alabama Baptist and Foreign Missionary Journal took occasion to present their claims. The committee on the petitionary

letter of Pleasant Grove church also made report, which was received, and on motion, the Pleasant Grove church was received as a member of the body and delegates enrolled.

WEDNESDAY.

18. 9:30 A. M. Bible reading, prayer, and praise.

19. No report on Centennial of Missions—the chairman, J. G. Apsey, making an explanation of the reasons, which were accepted as satisfactory, the committee was discharged and a new one appointed, with Rev. M. M. Wood as chairman.

20. The committee on Education submitted the following report, which, after much instructive debate, was adopted:

ON EDUCATION.

That the education of our youths and the formation of their characters should be consummated under christian influences is a fact patent to every observant christian. Within the confines of our State we have schools under the auspices of the Baptist denomination, where pure moral and religious influences are thrown around the pupils.

We heartily recommend the Howard College to the patronage of this Association. This splendid institution has for its faculty Dr. B. F. Riley, President, an eminent educator and a godly man, and a corps of zealous, christian teachers, whose influences are such as to promote the morals of the young men attending the college. The Howard has just closed its most successful session. We would also favorably recommend our female colleges, the Judson, at Marion, and the Central, at Tuscaloosa, as worthy the support of this Association. They have an efficient, christian faculty, wielding a healthy religious influence over the minds of their pupils.

We especially urge the great importance of Ministerial education upon our people, and recommend Howard College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as the best schools for the training of our young ministers in the duties of preacher and pastor. J. E. WHITE, Chm.

21. The report on Church Building was read by chairman S. S. Thornton; on motion, adopted.

ON CHURCH BUILDING.

Your committee have nothing new to report, and therefore recommend that the resolution on this subject, adopted at the last session of this body, to-wit: "That a fund to be known as 'The Church Building Fund,' to be subject to the order of the executive committee, to aid poor and struggling churches in building houses of worship, said funds to be turned over to the Executive Board," be not only words uttered and printed but that they be backed up by acts and cash S. S. THORNTON, Chm.

22. On motion, leave of absence was granted Elder Estes and S. C. Goode. According to appointment Elder J. E. White preached Missionary Sermon at the house, Elder J. G. Apsey at the arbor; at the close small collections were taken for Missions.

EVENING SESSION.

23. Devotional exercises. Prayer by Elder J. B. Small.

24. The committee on Religious Exercises reported, That Eld. J. G. Thornton preach at the arbor at 3 o'clock. On motion, the report was adopted.

25. On motion, W. W. McCullough was excused from further attendance on the services of this session.

26. The report on Missions was read, and after earnest and protracted discussion was adopted after reading letters from sisters Crawford and Bostick.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board is now in its 17th year. It has received, after the first two or three years, for use in Alabama, an average of about \$8,000 per annum. It also acts as an agent for the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, at Atlanta, Ga., and Richmond, Va. It received for all purposes last year nearly \$20,000. It has had in its employ this year 47 men. The year's work cannot be given before the convention in November. Beside the direct work of the Board, through its Missionaries in town and country, eternity alone will reveal the result of hundreds of letters written by the secretary, the many thousands of tracts, and other printed matter sent out from the office, the sermons and addresses delivered by the secretary, not only on Missions, but Temperance, Education and indeed on all the objects fostered by the Baptist State Convention. But with all the skill and energy of the secretary, aided by a board of wise, discreet brethren, it is impossible for this work to go successfully forward without the cooperation of the pastors and churches. Many of the Board's Missionaries have not been paid for six months, and more serious embarrassments will confront the Board unless speedy relief comes from the churches. To avoid such embarrassment, we recommend that each church in our bounds adopt the monthly collection plan, beginning at the next meeting, using a church canvassing book containing a page for each member, with this the Missionary envelope. The book and envelopes can be had from the secretary free by any one who will promise to use them. If these suggestions are carried out by a considerable number of churches in Alabama, we are quite sure our Boards will never have occasion to report a debt. It has been repeatedly stated that our towns, and even our rural districts, are being fast filled by a foreign, and in many cases an ignorant population, that is ignorant of the true doctrines of salvation. Just here we appeal to the better judgment of all professors of christianity, does not these things demand our prayers and alms? As the leading and governing idea is the spreading of the Gospel, let us, both pastor and people, be more zealously engaged in these things which are so essentially necessary to the advancement of our Master's kingdom, and the full development of the means provided in the Gospel. To conclude, more men and more means, will ever be the increasing demand, until the wickedness of this world be subdued, and all brought to know our Lord, whom to know aright is life eternal.

J. B. SMALL, Chm.

27. The report on Sabbath Schools was read by H. B. Chapelle, Jr., the chairman of the committee, and on motion, adopted.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath-school work is one that should be near and dear to every christian heart. A growing interest is being manifested on every hand. The most of our churches are aroused on the importance of Sabbath-schools, and through this medium a great work is being accomplished.

From information received from the Sabbath-school Convention, which

met in Pickensville in the month of July last, about twenty-five Sabbath-schools have been kept in operation the present year, numbering about 1200 pupils and teachers, showing an increase of about one-third. Some of these schools are progressing finely, while some of them do not manifest the interest they ought to succeed. We, your committee, must say, that a Sabbath-school properly conducted will prove a blessing to any of our churches.

H. B. CHAPPELLE, Jr., Chm.

28. On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and the following reports were adopted:

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee report, that on examination they find that our Association has suffered a great loss by the death of two of our oldest ministers: Brethren J. C. Foster and S. Hildreth. We have been unable to obtain any data which would help us in making any report, therefore we recommend that the Clerk of this Association be requested to prepare short biographies of these beloved brethren and publish in the Minutes. Further, that as an association we extend our christian love and sympathy to the families of the deceased.

JOHN G. APSEY, Chm.

REV. JOHN C. FOSTER—The tender parent, the affectionate husband, the true christian gentleman, the profound theologian, the faithful pastor, the beloved Moderator of the Union Association has passed to his reward. No more will his benignant face, beaming with christian kindness and charity, love for the Master and His children, zeal for the cause of Christ and an earnestness that seemed to pervade the very atmosphere about him and to inspire others with his own lofty spirit, be seen among us: but the example of his noble christian manhood, the symmetrical development of the virtues and grace of religion, and the unyielding tenacity and Pauline determination exhibited in contending for the faith once delivered to the saints are an inspiration which will linger while life lasts. God grant that his mantle may fall upon some one who will wear it worthily, gracefully, and with that quiet dignity which characterized the departed in all the walks of life.

While we would comfort the bereaved we can hardly restrain our tears when we remember that we shall meet him no more in this life; still there is strong consolation in the thought that his life was a long and useful one, that his memory will be cherished by many who through his instrumentality were brought to a knowledge of the Lord and that, when we, like him, have laid aside our armor, we shall meet again in an eternal home—where sorrow and weeping are unknown and sickness and death never come.

ELDER S. HILDRETH endeared himself to the Union Association by sound preaching, faithful pastoral work, wise counsel and efficient Missionary labors. When the infirmities of age had unfitted Elder John C. Foster for service, all eyes were turned on brother Hildreth as Moderator; and, though deprived of many advantages, he was proficient as a presiding officer—prompt and decided. In his latter years his failing health unfitted him for active pastoral work but his interest for the Master's cause burned brightly to the last. He was an outspoken prohibitionist, and never lost an opportunity for attempting to overthrow the liquor tariff believing it to be the curse of our land. His children have lost a kind father, his wife a benevolent and affectionate husband, the community a patriotic citizen, and Zion a vigilant watchman. Of both these brethren it may be said:

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

ON NOMINATIONS.

The next session will be held with Arbor Springs church, Pickens county, Ala., commencing on Tuesday before the 1st Sunday in October,

1833, at 10 a. m. The next Introductory Sermon by Elder J. G. Thornton; alternate, J. B. Small. Missionary Sermon by Elder J. P. Lee; alternate, Elder M. G. Lofton. Temperance Sermon by Elder W. J. Beatty; alternate, Elder J. A. Estes. J. T. McSHAN, Chm.

On motion, the Secretary of the Executive Board was granted further time for making his report and instructed to make said report to the Moderator and Clerk, that the same may be audited and published in the Minutes.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board shall be composed of a Secretary and Treasurer and one brother from each district.

On motion, brother M. B. Curry was elected Secretary and Treasurer, and J. C. B. Johnson to represent the First District, J. W. Cox the Second, W. G. Robertson the Third, and S. S. Thornton the Fourth.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Elder J. B. Small preach Thursday at 11 o'clock, which was adopted.

THURSDAY.

29. Devotional Exercises consisted of a reading from Galatians, prayer and praise.

30. Under the head of miscellaneous business the Moderator extended the right hand of welcome to brethren R. O. Richardson of the Sipsy Association and J. Halbert of the Columbus.

An explanation in regard to non-attendance of Oak Ridge last year was accepted as satisfactory.

A resolution was offered by brother H. B. Chappelle to amend the Constitution. An amendment to the amendment was offered by brother J. W. Cox. On motion, the whole was laid on the table. Then on motion, of brother M. B. Curry, a committee of three was appointed by the Moderator to take into consideration a revision of the Constitution and report at next meeting of the Association. Committee: H. B. Chappelle, U. E. Allen and M. B. Curry.

31. J. B. Hodo, chairman on Temperance, made report, which, after earnest debate by Dr. D. O. Baird, J. G. Thornton and others, was adopted.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We are unalterably opposed to the traffic of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We recognize intemperance as the curse of our age, and we believe the time has come when as individual churches and members we ought to do more than pass resolutions. The number who profess christianity have it in their power if not to suppress it entirely to so lessen this trafic, that thousands can be saved annually from destruction. To accomplish this work the parent is the most potent power, next to Christ. If we are to be freed from this stigma on the church as

well as the government, the foundation must be made by a correct training of the child's mind, which means a harmonious cultivation of the moral and intellectual faculties. The child can then reason correctly as to right and wrong. His conscience will hold him in check; lead him to love that which is good and hate that which is evil; and make him a fit subject to accept Christ as a Savior. Give us this foundation, connected with a love for the cause of Christ, for our membership, we will not so often find church members following the curse of debauched and intemperate men, thereby strengthening intemperance and suppressing virtue.

We believe that a grand reformation can be accomplished if parents will fully awaken to their duty, and the church cease to be negligent of its obligations. In the meantime let us throw the mantle of love and sympathy around the unfortunate one, who has fallen a victim to drink and lost the will power to resist it, and tell him that Christ only can give him power to resist it, and save him from ruin. As a denomination we are unalterably opposed to legalizing this traffic in any way, only for medicinal and mechanical purposes. JAS. B. HODO, Chm.

32. On motion, adopted the report on Indigent Ministers, J. W. Cox, chairman.

ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report: We do not find any of our aged ministers without means of support, and we recommend the advisability of this Association taking collections of the churches to raise a fund for the purpose of aiding our aged and infirm ministers whenever they become in need. J. W. COX, Chm.

33. The report on Publication, W. T. Walker, chairman, was read and adopted.

ON PUBLICATION.

We recommend that good, wholesome, religious literature be placed in the home of every christian within the bounds of this Association, and that nefarious, trashy reading matter be disfavored and discountenanced. We especially recommend the constant and prayerful study of the scriptures, and that everybody should be provided with a copy of the Bible. The Alabama Baptist, our State organ, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and the State Mission Quarterly should find a place in every Baptist home. We heartily recommend Kind Words as excellent reading to be used in all our Sunday-schools.

W. T. WALKER, Chm.

Preaching by Elder J. B. Small.

EVENING SESSION.

34. Adopted report on Documents, S. S. Thornton, chairman.

ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find that the following churches are unrepresented in this annual meeting, viz:

Oak Ridge, Mt. Zion, Prairie, Forest, Shiloh, Chalcedony, Nazereth and Grant's Creek. We call the attention of these churches to Art. 6 of the Constitution, which requires that they state the reasons for absenting themselves, at the next meeting of this body. We find also, that the increase is as follows: by Baptism, 40; by Letter, 41; by Experience, 3; by Restoration, 2; making a total of 86. That the decrease is: by Letter, 72; by Death, 28; by Exclusion, 16; making a total of 116, thereby making a net loss of 30 members to this Association. Leaving out the additions and losses, by letter, we find that death and satan has robbed the Association of four—that is that deaths and exclusions are more by four than the number of baptisms. In view of these facts we, as your committee, cry in the language of Holy Writ; "Awake Oh Zion! put on thy strength."

S. S. THORNTON, Chm.

35. The committee on Apportionment, J. P. Park, chairman made report, which was adopted.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

The committee on Apportionment respectfully ask each church to contribute the amount mentioned in the order below:

Bethlehem	\$12 50	Amount brought forward	260 00
Liberty	15 00	Pickensville	50 00
Mt. Pleasant	12 00	Carrollton	75 00
Millport	10 00	Ebenezer	10 00
Fellowship	12 50	Unity	12 00
Spring Hill, Lamar county	14 00	Enon	25 00
Kennedy	17 50	Mt. Zion	10 00
New Salem	5 00	Prairie	20 00
Pleasant Grove	2 50	Forest	20 00
McBee	5 00	Shiloh	4 50
Arbor Spring	12 50	Chalcedony	8 00
Mineral Spring	15 00	Nazareth	2 50
Oak Ridge	10 00	Beulah	45 00
Spring Hill, Pickens county	17 50	Bethel	55 00
Hebron	15 00	New Hope	18 00
Big Creek	16 00	Zion	5 00
Cross Roads	8 00	Grant's Creek	55 00
	200 00	Total	\$575 00

J. P. PARK, Chm.

36. Called roll.

37. Under the head of miscellaneous business the following resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. Cox and unanimously adopted. *Resolved*, That the heartfelt thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the church of Spring Hill and the community thereof for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the Union Association while in their midst.

38. On motion, of Elder H. B. Chappelle, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes, pay over the moneys to the Executive Board, and receive the Associational fund for his services.

A collection was taken up, the Associational fund not being deemed sufficient to pay the Clerk for his services.

39. On motion, the Executive Board was instructed to make an appropriation of twenty-five dollars to assist Mill Port church.

40. On motion, referred claims of Pleasant Grove and others to the Executive Board.

41. On motion, adjourned. We grasped the parting hand, and, amid the falling of farewell tears, were led in prayer to the throne of Grace by that old veteran of the Cross, Elder J. P. Lee.

M. G. LOFTON, Clerk.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Moderator.

42. The committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

*Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the
Union Baptist Association for 1892.*

CHURCHES.	General Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Education.	Bible and Colportage.	Orphanage.	Total.
Bethlehem.....		1 50	1 50	5 50					9 00
Liberty		3 00	3 00	4 00					12 42
Mount Pleasant..		2 50		3 30					7 05
Fellowship.....			5 30						7 80
Spring Hill, Lamar			1 00		4 05				6 55
Millport	8 05								8 80
Kennedy	11 65								13 15
Arbor Springs..		1 50	1 50	2 95					7 95
Mineral Springs..		4 25	8 50	4 25					20 00
New Salem.....		50	1 00	1 30					4 05
Spring Hill, Pickens	5 80	3 20	1 70	1 35		55			16 45
Hebron.....		2 50	2 50	2 75					8 75
Big Creek	15 30								18 80
Cross Roads..		2 50	2 50	3 00					9 50
Pickensville..	32 10								34 00
Carrollton	57 90							2 10	63 00
Ebenezer									2 00
Unity	1 00		1 10	5 50					10 10
Enon		3 00	3 00	12 43					20 00
Mt. Zion									1 30
Bethel		29 50	4 62	26 02	2 76	2 00			67 00
Beulah		21 95	10 00	15 00		2 00	1 76		55 71
Zion									4 43
Shiloh.....			1 50	1 50					50
Grant's Creek	63 25								70 85
Pleasant Grove...				2 60					1 00
Second District	3 70								3 70
L. A. Society, S. H.	2 40					12 10			2 40
Public Collection.	6 55								18 65
McBee	12 82								1 50
New Hope.....	20 00								22 50
Fourth District ..	3 57								3 57
Total	244 09	75 90	48 72	91 45	6 81	16 65	1 76	2 10	532 48

NOTE. Colored Missions, \$1.35, included in aggregate. This table includes cash and vouchers. The Minute and Associational Funds, see statistical table, is included in the aggregate.

43. Report of the Secretary and Treasurer of Executive Board audited by the Moderator and Clerk.

I hereby incorporate the tabulated statement made by the Finance Committee as a part of my report, and further report that the money collected has been remitted to the various boards as per tabulated statement above mentioned; that the books for the year 1892 have been balanced.

M. B. CURRY, Treas. Ex. Board.

STATISTICS OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.										PASTORS.	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.					
	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Experience.	Restored.	Excluded.	Erasure.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.		Total Members.	Minutes.	Association.	Total.	MEETINGS.	
Bethlehem.....	8	1	3	4	1	2	3	21	27	36	63	\$ 1 80	\$.....	1 80	3	J. B. Small.....	T. B. Branch, Coalfire, Ala.
Liberty.....	6	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	37	68	105	1 25	.....	1 25	4	S. E. Hodge.....	J. F. Hodge, Beard's, Ala.
Mt. Pleasant.....	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	31	59	90	2 00	50	2 50	3	D. O. Baird.....	W. B. Hicks, Beards.
Fellowship.....	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	45	68	113	1 50	50	2 50	3	J. B. Woolen.....	R. F. Johnson, Reform,
Spring Hill, L.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	23	41	1 00	25	1 50	3	J. B. Small.....	T. H. Hendrix, Gentry,
Millport.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	12	25	1 75	50	1 25	4	D. O. Baird.....	W. C. Williams, Millport,
Kennedy.....	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	6	12	18	50	50	1 00	3	Francis Wilson.....	F. W. Stokes, Kennedy...
New Salem.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	9	19	28	1 00	50	1 50	3	W. G. Peaty.....	J. M. Pratt, Reform...
Plens't Grove.....	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	26	48	74	2 00	50	3 00	2	D. O. Baird.....	W. W. McCallough, Ken'dy
Mt. Beo Creek.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	28	25	53	2 00	1 00	3 00	2	J. B. Small.....	D. J. Holcomb, Mt. Beo...
Arbor Spring.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	16	32	1 00	1 50	2 50	4	J. P. Lee.....	W. C. Branch, Coalfire...
Mineral Spring.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	33	65	1 00	1 25	2 25	3	M. G. Lofton.....	J. W. Cox, Providence, Ala.
Oak Ridge.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	23	35	1 00	1 50	2 50	4	J. P. Lee.....	H. L. Williams, Danbar...
Spring Hill, P.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	49	86	2 50	1 00	3 50	2	M. G. Lofton.....	J. H. Stinson, Pickensville
Hobson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	29	50	1 00	90	1 90	1	J. P. Lee.....	J. A. Pearson, Carrollton...
Big Creek.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	19	33	1 00	1 00	2 00	2	J. E. White.....	T. S. Adams, Carrollton...
Cross Roads.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	29	52	2 00	1 00	3 00	6	J. E. White.....	W. L. White, Pickensville...
Pickensville.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	30	48	1 50	50	2 00	2	J. E. White.....	M. B. Curry, Carrollton...
Carrollton.....	2	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	15	30	45	1 50	1 00	2 50	1	S. E. Hodge.....	T. H. Noland.....
Ebenezer.....	2	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	37	41	78	2 50	1 00	3 50	3	M. G. Lofton.....	W. W. Mangham, Olney...
Unity.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	14	26	40	1 50	1 00	2 50	1	J. E. White.....	T. H. Sanders, Garden...
Enon.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	18	27	45	1 50	1 00	2 50	1	J. E. White.....	R. S. Hamilton, Pis. Ridge
Mt. Zion.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	22	44	66	1 50	1 00	2 50	1	M. G. Lofton.....	M. B. Taylor, West Green
Prairie.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	25	43	68	1 50	1 00	2 50	1	J. E. White.....	J. Upchurch, Benevola...
Forest.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	45	46	91	1 45	.....	1 45	1	J. L. Ray.....	J. J. Franklin, Jena...
Shiloh.....	23	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	6	7	13	2 00	.....	2 00	2	J. D. Hammer.....	W. C. Lancaster, Jena...
Chalcedony.....	23	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	83	99	182	2 00	2 00	4 00	2	W. G. Curry.....	J. W. Park, Hickman, Ala.
Nazareth.....	23	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	26	32	58	1 50	1 00	2 50	4	J. G. Apsey.....	E. H. Lamb, Union, Ala.
Bethel.....	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	26	36	62	1 50	1 00	2 50	4	J. D. Hammer.....	J. J. Cameron, Komolus...
Bethel.....	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	26	36	62	1 50	1 00	2 50	4	J. L. Ray.....	T. W. Malone, Raleigh...
New Hope.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	47	78	125	3 00	2 00	5 00	2	J. H. Curry.....	R. H. Foster, Sylvan, Ala.
Zion.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	758	1121	2074	37 55	15 90	53 45	66		
Grant's Creek.....	62	43	75	1	1	1	1	1	758	1121	2074	37 55	15 90	53 45	66		

M. G. LOFTON, in account with Union Baptist Association.

To cash from Committee on Finance.....	532 48
CR.	
By cash paid for printing Minutes.....	\$ 37 55
“ “ Executive Board.....	479 03
“ “ Clerk for services.....	15 90—532 48

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONVENTION OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH
PICKENSVILLE CHURCH, July 22nd and 24th, 1892.

FRIDAY, 11 A. M. July 22nd.

Elder J. B. Small, who was appointed to preach the Convention Sermon being absent, and there being no other minister present, that service was dispensed with, and, after devotional exercises conducted by the secretary, the Convention took recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met, and, after devotional exercises, the letters were read; and the Convention was organized by the election of Prof. W. L. White president, and Wm. G. Robertson secretary and treasurer.

The President appointed the usual committees.

The Convention adopted program, prepared by the secretary.

The writer, Mrs. M. G. Lofton, being absent, Essay No. 1 was dispensed with.

Query 1 was taken up and discussed, in which it was clearly shown that Christians cannot neglect the Sabbath School work and live in accord with the teaching of the Scriptures.

Elder M. G. Lofton was requested to preach to-night.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M., July 23rd.

The Convention assembled, and after devotional exercises, by the secretary, Query No. 2 was taken up and discussed by brothers A. A. Ball, J. E. White and others. There was no doubt as to the responsibility of parents and the church in the moral and religious training of children.

Essay 2.—The power of christianity—was read by Miss Mamie Owings. The Convention requested its publication.

Query 3.—What should our children read?—was a subject that elicited profitable discussion. The Bible above all, and the good

and wholesome books and newspapers should be as liberally supplied by parents as they can afford. Sensational literature and trashy novels should be studiously avoided.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Devotional Exercises were conducted by the President.

Query 4 was referred to the next Convention.

The report on Temperance brought forth earnest speeches from several brethren, in which the liquor traffic was severely condemned, and christians urged to use all lawful means to restrain and prohibit the business. The report was adopted by a rising vote.

By request the Secretary prepared the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Elder S. Hildreth, for many years the presiding officer of this Body, and one of its most zealous advocates, has been called by the Great Head of the Church to that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens—

Resolved, That in the death of brother Hildreth this Convention has lost an able and conscientious officer, the Sunday School cause one of its most earnest and faithful workers, and the cause of religion a devoted and zealous servant.

The Secretary's report shows a decided improvement during the past year, for which we are thankful, and are encouraged to prosecute the work until all the churches are thoroughly aroused to proper interest in the Sunday School cause.

The next session was appointed to meet with Beulah church, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1893. The Convention Sermon by Elder J. E. White; alternate, Elder Jas. G. Thornton. The Missionary Sermon by Elder J. B. Small; alternate, Elder D. O. Baird.

The committee on Queries and Essays report as follows:

Query 1. What relation does the church sustain to the Sunday School? Opened by J. J. Ball and Jones Pearson.

2. When should Sunday School training begin, and when should it end? Opened by C. Upchurch and W. C. Mayes.

3. What should our children read? Opened by J. B. Hodo, S. S. Thornton and J. A. Lawley.

Essay 1. Woman, her power for good—by Mrs. M. G. Lofton.

2. The individual christian's influence—by Miss Janie Chambers

3. Consistency—by Miss Sallie Hughes.

The Committee on Finance reported \$8 sent up by the Sunday Schools, and collection on Sabbath \$4.92; and the Treasurer a balance of \$18.25. Total fund \$31.17

-Secretary W. G. Robertson was appointed to conduct the Sunday School exercises on Sabbath, at 9 a. m.; and Elder J. E. White to preach to night at 8 :15.

SABBATH, July, 24th.

Sunday School exercises at 9 a. m. and Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. by Elder M. G. Lofton.

The Convention adjourned.

WM. G. ROBERTSON, Sec.

W. L. WHITE, Pres.

STATISTICS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

SCHOOLS.	Teach's		Pupils		TOTAL.....	SUPERINTEND'S	POST-OFFICES.
	Males	Females	Males	Females			
Fellowship	2	2	24	22	59	Berj. Pearson .	Reform, Alabama.
Liberty.	4	4	52	43	103	Jno. W Harris..	" "
Spring Hill	2	2	44	30	84	G B Coleman...	Gentry, "
Millport..	1	2	29	28	51	J M Daifron ...	Millport, "
Kennedy ..	1	2	25	14	42	W T Walker...	Kennedy, "
Arbor Sp'g	2	1	16	13	32	T S Wilkins.....	Coalfire, "
New Salem		2	19	7	28	A C Richardson	Reform, "
Min. Spring	1	1	16	10	2	Wm. Manning ..	Beard's, "
Big Creek.	5	2	23	18	48	T H Haynie.	Carrollton, "
Cross Road	1	2	15	18	36	Jno Heritage....	" "
Pickensville	2	4	25	23	52	W L White	Pickensville, "
Carrollton	2	3	17	18	49	W G Robertson ..	Carrollton, "
Ebenezer.	2	2	15	20	39	C W Free	" "
Unity.....	2	2	15	18	37	R T Knox	Bethany, "
Enon	1	2	15	12	30	Jo. D Ball	Garden, "
Forest.....	3	3	22	30	58	J G Thornton...	Benevola, "
Bethel.....	3	4	50	40	97	R D Lucius	Hickman, "
Beulah	2	3	42	23	70	S S Thornton...	Union, "
Shiloh	2	1	12	18	34	A P Smith	Boom, "
Prairie	2	2	18	12	34	C Upchurch.....	West Green, "
New Hope	1	2	10	15	28	J M Smith	Romulus, "
Grant's Crk	2	2	15	12	31	H G Mitchell....	Foster's, "
Sylvan.....	1	3	28	25	57	R H Foster	Sylvan, "
McBee	1	3	15	15	34	John W Simpson	McBee. "
Reform	1	2	30	23	56	Robert Pearson...	Reform, "
Spring Hill	1	2	16	14	33	C. D. Harper....	Archer, "
Total	47	63	592	527	1226		

WM. G. ROBERTSON, Treasurer,

1892 In account with S. S. Convention.

July 22.	To amount on hand last report.....	\$ 33 40	
	" Sundry receipts to date	69 93	
	CR.		103 33
	By paid Sundry literature and expenses.		85 08
	To balance due the convention.....		\$18 25



NAMES OF BAPTIST MINISTERS

IN THIS ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

D. O. BAIRD,	.....	Coalfire, Pickens County, Alabama.				
J. A. ESTES,	.....	"	"	"	"	
R. B. WILKINS,	.....	Reform,	"	"	"	
H. B. CHAPPELLE,	.....	Dillburgh,	"	"	"	
J. S. WOOTEN,	.....	Gentry, Lamar	"	"	"	
W. J. BEATY,	.....	Kennedy,	"	"	"	
J. M. LAND,	.....	Archer, Pickens	"	"	"	
J. P. LEE,	.....	Gregory,	"	"	"	
J. E. WHITE,	.....	Pickensv'le, Pickens	"	"	"	
M. G. LOFTON,	.....	Archer,	"	"	"	
J. S. SHIRLEY,	.....	Raleigh,	"	"	"	
J. G. THORNTON,	.....	Olney,	"	"	"	
J. D. HAMNER,	.....	Romulus, Tuscaloosa Co.,	"	"	"	
J. H. M. ANDERS,	.....	"	"	"	"	
HENRY HITT,*	.....	"	"	"	"	
J. L. RAY,	.....	Boom,	"	"	"	

ORDAINED MINISTERS..... 15

LICENTIATES*..... 1